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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

February 18, 2025

Introduced by Sens. HARCKHAM, SALAZAR -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Children and Families

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to including certain programs and facilities in the definition of provider or provider agency

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 424-a of the social services law, as amended by chapter 611 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

3. For purposes of this section, the term "provider" or "provider agency" shall mean: an authorized agency; the office of children and family services; a private, nonprofit incorporated agency that meets the state office of children and family services program standards for child advocacy centers; juvenile detention facilities subject to the certification of the office of children and family services; programs established pursuant to article nineteen-H of the executive law; **organizations and programs that provide community based services to individuals under twenty-one years of age who are under the care or oversight of any of the aforementioned provider agencies when the services provided have potential for regular and substantial contact with such individuals under twenty-one;** non-residential or residential programs or facilities licensed or operated by the office of mental health or the office for people with developmental disabilities except family care homes; including head start programs which are funded pursuant to title V of the federal economic opportunity act of nineteen hundred sixty-four, as amended; early intervention service established pursuant to section twenty-five hundred forty of the public health law; preschool services established pursuant to section forty-four hundred ten of the education law; special act school districts as enumerated in chapter five hundred

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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sixty-six of the laws of nineteen hundred sixty-seven, as amended; programs and facilities licensed by the office of alcoholism and substance abuse services; residential schools which are operated, supervised or approved by the education department; health homes, or any subcontractor of such health homes, who contracts with or is approved or otherwise authorized by the department of health to provide health home services to all those enrolled pursuant to a diagnosis of a developmental disability as defined in subdivision twenty-two of section 1.03 of the mental hygiene law and enrollees who are under twenty-one years of age under section three hundred sixty-five-l of this chapter, or any entity that provides home and community based services to enrollees who are under twenty-one years of age under a demonstration program pursuant to section eleven hundred fifteen of the federal social security act; publicly-funded emergency shelters for families with children, provided, however, for purposes of this section, when the provider or provider agency is a publicly-funded emergency shelter for families with children, then all references in this section to the "potential for regular and substantial contact with individuals who are cared for by the agency" shall mean the potential for regular and substantial contact with children who are served by such shelter; and any other facility or provider agency, as defined in subdivision four of section four hundred eighty-eight of this chapter, in regard to the employment of staff, or use of providers of goods and services and staff of such providers, consultants, interns and volunteers.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.